

Brooke Nail, Jennifer Norris, Hope Patton, Jami Scarborough, and Brooke Sikes. Coaches are: Arthur McCall, Donald Rouse, and Brian Brazzell.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA LEIDERMAN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Andrea Leiderman, an extraordinary resident of the 14th Congressional District who was taken from us at the age of 46 on Sunday, September 11, 2005.

Andrea Leiderman graduated from Gunn High School and Vassar College, and went on to earn two master degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. She was a dedicated community activist and a committed public servant. She worked to serve others from the age of 10, when she started a childcare group in her parents' living room, to her work in public and government relations for Kaiser Permanente.

Andrea Leiderman served her community as a trustee of the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District, and served on the boards of the Mission City Community Fund, San Jose Chamber of Commerce Local Issues Advocacy Committee and the College of San Mateo President's Council on Advancement. She served as chair of the Working Council of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and as a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Hayes Anderson, Andrea's loving husband, Drs. Herb and Gloria Leiderman, Andrea's distinguished parents, to her brother and sisters, and to all those who had the privilege of knowing Andrea. She will be missed and never forgotten.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH BIOTECHNOLOGY IN THE U.S.

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 10th anniversary of the commercialization and planting of crops improved through biotechnology. This year also marks the one-billionth acre of biotech enhanced crops planted on American soil. Since their introduction to American agriculture, biotech crops have provided many benefits to the American people, including less soil erosion, less fuel emissions and reduced need for chemical inputs. Crop biotechnology has also provided tremendous benefits to America's farmers by reducing the cost of production and increasing yields, resulting in increased net farm income by \$1.9 billion.

In my home State of Minnesota, biotech crops have had a significant impact on corn and soybean production. According to a USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service Report published in June of this year, 66 percent of

all corn planted in Minnesota was of a biotech variety. The same report noted that 83 percent of all soybeans planted in Minnesota were of a biotech variety. In 2003, the most recent overall statistics for biotech crops in Minnesota, the planting of biotech crops led to an increase of 525 million pounds of farm commodity output. At the same time, Minnesota farmers reduced pesticide use by 6.5 million pounds and earned an additional \$176 million in profits.

There are several Minnesota companies in attendance today whose research has contributed to the successes of farm biotechnology. Newport Laboratories works with veterinarians to fight disease and protect livestock health through customized biotech treatments. CROPLAN Genetics, a subsidiary of the Land-O-Lakes company, focuses on individual farmers and meeting their specific genetic needs with customized seed. ANDX, Inc. develops tests which diagnose and predict livestock diseases. Together these companies represent the many achievements in the field of biotechnology which benefit farmers across the Nation.

For the last decade, biotechnology has changed the face of American agriculture. New advances in biotechnology continue to improve the lives of American farmers, and will continue to shape agriculture into the future. I'm happy to participate in the Agriculture Biotechnology Exhibition, and I look forward to the continuing benefits and innovations of agriculture biotechnology.

MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Chairman, I rise today in opposition to the rule for H.R. 250, the Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005. We had an opportunity today to address key manufacturing competitiveness and innovation issues, but instead the bill before us is simply a narrow reauthorization bill that eliminates funding for the Advanced Technology Program, ATP. Democrats tried to broaden this narrow manufacturing bill by bringing eight manufacturing amendments to the Rules Committee. Unfortunately, the Republican-crafted rule blocks the four of the eight Democratic amendments. I am disappointed that this bill does so little to achieve its stated goal of addressing the long term problems facing our Nation's manufacturers.

Congress must confront that we are in a manufacturing crisis. The U.S. manufacturing sector is facing a crisis—since 2001 we have lost 2.8 million manufacturing jobs. In the first three months of this year, we have lost another 24,000 manufacturing jobs. I am very concerned about the issue of off-shoring of our professional manufacturing jobs. We have to get a handle on this problem and we need sufficient and accurate data to make sound policy decisions. Once we understand the problem, we can then develop policies to address it. An effective way to do that is, in fact, to mandate a study to report back to the Congress within a nine-month period so that we,

in fact, can take a look at the number of jobs that have been lost and the ramifications as well as the other areas that the Secretary would be looking at. Given the crisis facing our manufacturing sector, I have asked Congress to work with the administration to address the issue of off-shoring, by studying its effects and implications. To date, Congress still does not have the data to do an analysis of off-shoring trends. If we are serious about making America more competitive and maintaining high-skilled jobs in the U.S., we first have to understand the real impact of job outsourcing. Manufacturing plays a crucial role in the growth and health of the U.S. economy. It is an industry that helped build the great country we have today and we need to work together to get a handle on this serious problem facing our manufacturing base.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON MICHAEL LAMBERT BECK FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandon Michael Lambert Beck, son of Kerry and Marilyn Beck of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Brandon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 31, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Brandon will receive his Eagle Award on October 2, 2005 at Saint Francis Xavier Parish Center.

Brandon has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the twelve years Brandon has been involved with Scouting, he has earned numerous merit badges, honors, and leadership positions. Brandon has served his troop as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Historian, and Troop Guide. Brandon holds the rank of Tom Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, and participated in Junior Leader Training. Brandon has earned awards for snorkeling and marksmanship, as well as the Ad Altari Dei and Parvuli Dei religious awards. During his twelve years in the scouts, Brandon attended Camp Geiger for seven summers.

For his Eagle Scout project, Brandon constructed and installed shelves in the basement of the rectory of Saint Francis Xavier Church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brandon Michael Lambert Beck for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING GUEST CHAPLAIN REVEREND ANTHONY MARCIANO

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to recognize this morning's guest chaplain, Reverend Anthony Marciano. Reverend Marciano